

Spending habits of Australian households: ABS

Capital cities - average weekly household expenditure 2003-04 - selected categories

Figures expressed as dollars and cents

	Syd.	Melb.	Bris.	Adel.	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canb.	All
Current housing costs									
Rent	71.08	42.11	59.77	34.41	40.56	30.63	61.66	64.36	53.47
Interest component of mortgage repayments	59.74	40.67	34.84	36.59	43.74	31.11	66.53	40.31	45.89
Domestic fuel and power									
Electricity	16.35	16.20	15.19	20.75	15.27	25.33	27.94	19.99	16.78
Food and non-alcoholic beverages									
Bread	6.25	6.17	5.14	5.56	5.56	6.55	5.39	6.20	5.92
Fresh milk	4.81	5.36	5.46	5.84	5.15	5.51	6.63	4.96	5.22
Sugar	0.31	0.30	0.29	0.27	0.28	0.47	0.24	0.32	0.30
Tea	0.70	0.73	0.58	0.63	0.68	0.78	0.53	0.88	0.69
Coffee	1.19	1.52	1.20	1.11	1.13	1.50	1.37	1.58	1.29
Vegetables	11.82	11.29	9.80	9.46	10.72	10.66	11.46	11.82	11.01
Meat	21.05	20.36	18.85	18.16	21.46	19.92	23.11	18.96	20.26
Fish/seafood	5.52	4.13	3.72	2.80	3.57	3.31	3.51	4.17	4.30
Takeaway meals/fast food	28.78	24.31	23.59	20.49	22.32	22.67	29.08	28.13	25.14
Alcoholic beverages									
Beer	8.13	8.47	7.77	8.24	12.44	14.89	15.71	7.98	8.86
Wine	7.98	7.66	4.93	7.00	6.97	9.42	7.91	8.04	7.27
Tobacco products									
Cigarettes	10.15	10.97	9.81	10.36	9.46	10.44	12.63	9.14	10.27
Clothing and footwear									
Men's clothing	5.43	6.03	5.45	5.25	6.53	5.49	2.74	4.98	5.67
Women's clothing	11.39	13.30	10.34	11.76	9.11	11.73	9.64	11.82	11.54
Household furnishings/equipment									
Household appliances	11.06	10.90	13.50	11.72	15.83	11.99	14.62	14.37	12.12
Household services/operation									
Telephone, fixed line	17.42	16.06	17.27	14.62	15.58	14.71	17.76	18.48	16.53
Telephone, mobile	14.33	14.66	11.64	11.62	14.41	11.08	14.66	14.82	13.75
Child care	6.71	5.05	6.50	2.89	4.07	3.35	5.76	8.07	5.52
Medical care/health expenses									
Health/accident insurance	19.76	18.36	14.74	20.38	19.60	23.37	17.76	20.25	18.74
Health practitioners' fees	18.91	15.60	11.48	10.42	18.31	8.91	15.03	26.85	16.05
Transport									
Motor vehicle purchase	49.78	46.01	56.94	44.22	51.43	54.65	57.35	52.47	49.66
Petrol	30.99	30.91	27.07	29.17	30.33	31.62	30.57	36.86	30.31
Public transport	8.60	5.39	3.95	2.75	2.69	2.18	1.34	2.29	5.46
Recreation									
Internet	1.08	1.13	0.96	0.84	0.76	0.95	1.43	1.42	1.03
Pay TV	3.47	2.85	2.72	2.73	2.12	1.88	5.27	2.25	2.92
Newspapers	2.36	2.50	1.80	3.10	2.79	3.62	2.77	3.01	2.48
Personal care									
Toiletries/cosmetics	11.61	11.12	10.24	10.63	10.39	8.68	10.49	11.53	10.98
Miscellaneous goods and services									
Primary/secondary education fees	9.95	14.15	7.17	13.02	10.38	13.39	5.67	13.35	11.16
Higher education fees	9.54	12.01	8.88	4.90	4.08	5.61	8.65	9.95	9.00
Total goods and services	1021.81	933.67	842.58	842.51	886.73	873.48	1080.28	1051.79	937.77

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